

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: **BEDELL, Daniel Wayne**

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**(60717.341701)**

**FOR (TITLE): ION MILL PROCESS WITH SACRIFICIAL MASK LAYER  
TO FABRICATE POLE TIP FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Tugbang:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 12/26/2007, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 3/26/2008. This response is being filed electronically on February 25, 2008. It is thought that no extension of time is necessary, and is in addition within 2 months of the mailing date of the Office Action.

The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary that Claims 1-14 are pending, Claims 11, 12 and 14 are withdrawn from consideration and Claims 1-10 and 13 are rejected. This response is organized as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.